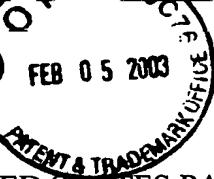


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In response to the outstanding Office Action of January 21, 2003, Applicants elect the invention of Group 1 and Claims 1-22 **without traverse.**

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